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For: PRODUCTION METHOD FOR PROCESSED  
SOYBEAN FOOD PRODUCTS AND  
APPARATUS FOR THERMAL DEAERATION  
OF SOYBEAN SLURRY

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Patent Application  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.